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Police investigate robberies

Robert Cummins
News Editor

Police are searching for a suspect that reportedly robbed the Pizza Hut delivery unit, 1308 Vine Street, on Oct. 9.

The Hays police department received a call from Pizza Hut at 10:16 p.m. that night indicating the store had just been robbed at gunpoint moments before.

Reports show that at approximately 10:10 p.m. a white male, 5'10" to 6', wearing baggy blue jeans, a white pullover sweatshirt, and a scream mask, accosted a delivery driver and robbed the Pizza Hut at gunpoint.

Forcing the driver back inside, the suspect held the staff at gunpoint and was able to steal approximately \$900 cash from the store.

This incident is still under investigation according to Lieutenant Don Scheibler, Hays Police Department.

This robbery is the second armed robbery of its type this fall, as the Hays Movie Theatre was also robbed last month.

"At this time, nothing ties them together, and (both) are being investigated as separate incidents by the Hays Police Department," Scheibler said.

▼ Big Brothers/Big Sisters

Bowl for Kid's Sake asks for volunteers

Robert Cummins
News Editor

Bowl for Kid's Sake is coming up and students looking to strike a difference in the lives of youngsters are encouraged to participate in this third annual Big Brothers/Big Sisters event.

Saturday, November 11, is the date for this year's event, to be held at Centennial Lanes, 2400 Vine Street. Bowl for Kid's Sake is a fundraising effort to raise money for Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Ellis County.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters is an organization that seeks to match disadvantaged children with adult role-models for the purposes of education and mentorship. All participants are volunteers. These people meet with a child once

a week for 30-45 minutes in a school setting.

"Ellis county probably has 160 (bowling) matches, nearly two-thirds of which are FHSU students," said Nancy Jeter, executive director of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Ellis County. There are about 60 kids on the waiting list.

Bowl for Kid's Sake is an event held twice a year, Jeter said. One event is held for the Hays community and one is held just for the students and faculty of Fort Hays State, though other community members can attend.

To participate, students need to pick up a packet at the Big Brothers/Big Sisters office.

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Catching Some Air



TYLER MANWARREN/THE EDGE
Tyler Manwarren catches a pass during a game against Southwest Baptist on Oct. 7 in Bolivar, Missouri. For more sports coverage, go to pages 6 and 7.

Tiger statue to be commissioned

Robert Cummins
News Editor

A tiger will soon permanently prowl campus.

Fort Hays State University accepted a bid that will provide its own art department with the project of creating a statue of a tiger for the Memorial Union.

The project leader will be Toby Flores, art department sculpture professor. The statue will be about 10-to-15 percent larger than real life and will be made out of bronze. Construction of the statue is expected to take 10 months and will involve an estimated 2,800 man hours.

When finished, the tiger statue will be placed on top of a stack of cut limestone in the center of the circle drive west of the Memorial Union. The limestone will be

handled by another department.

"The cost will be somewhere close to \$50,000, but a lot of that is going back into the department," Flores said. Equipment that will be purchased to complete the project will include ceramic shell equipment, a sand blaster and a mig welder. This equipment will belong to the sculpture department for students to use following the completion of the statue.

Several students will also be involved with the project, namely Dena Thomas, who until recently was the only sculpture student at Fort Hays State. Two other students will probably work under Thomas and Flores and there will be several volunteers.

"There will be four of us actually paid, but we've already had several students and some faculty

says they were interested in helping," Flores said.

The size of the project alone is expected to bring not only money and equipment to the sculpture department, but attention as well. "I'm wanting to make the sculpture program grow, and this will bring us some much needed attention," Flores said.

Although this is the largest undertaking of this type Flores has been involved with, it is not the first.

"I've never, from start to finish, made a bronze piece this large," he said. However, Flores has worked for a year in a workshop where he and several others constructed statues of this size, though not from start to finish. "We made life size figures pretty often," he said.

EDITORIAL

Be attentive walking, driving on campus

Far too often, Fort Hays State students can be seen on campus darting out into the street from between parked cars. Many times, they don't even look both ways before crossing. While it would be nice to think those driving on campus streets always break for pedestrians, students are putting themselves in very real danger of receiving their death certificate from Fort Hays State rather than their diplomas. We are all guilty of being inattentive sometimes, but when you pair an inattentive driver with an inattentive pedestrian crossing outside of a crosswalk area, a recipe for disaster exists. And now that seemingly everyone on campus has a cell phone permanently attached to their heads the minute they get out of class, the problem is only amplified. A driver on a cell phone, speeding through campus on the way home. A blabbermouth pedestrian darting across the road from between parked cars, oblivious to the world. Somehow, this doesn't seem like a rare phenomena around here, does it? It is amazing no one has been hurt seriously lately. Let's keep it that way with some preventative measures. Crosswalks exist for a reason; use them. Speed limits are posted for a reason; observe them. And please; put down your cell phones when driving and when crossing the street. -The Editorial Board

Sudafed: Is it really dangerous?

Okay, so I go into Dillon's the other day to buy a nasal decongestant for a head cold. I go to the cough/cold isle and all the products are available to purchase, except, of course, Sudafed. In its place is a little card that says, "Go to the pharmacy counter to purchase this item." I come to find out that some genius politician somewhere decided that everyone should have to present their driver's license and have an ID check just to buy Sudafed. This is done in case I might be planning to make meth with those 24 little capsules. Hey, morons, this is earth calling: if someone wants to manufacture meth badly enough, an ID check at a grocery



Zach Becker Editor

store isn't going to stop them. All this law does is inconvenience those who are merely are looking to relieve a head cold. Besides, I imagine you need a lot more than 24 caplets to make the illegal drug. Perhaps it would make more sense to require an ID check for those who want to buy Sudafed in large quantities. But, then again, since when

did politicians have common sense? By the time the lady took my ID and ran it through the computer, then had me sign some form, I ended up standing at the pharmacy for a good 15 minutes. Fifteen minutes - just to buy Sudafed. Asinine. I jokingly asked the lady behind the counter if it was this difficult to pick up medical marijuana. Actually, it's not. No ID check needed for medical marijuana with a doctor's prescription. Yes, that's right, it is easier to pick up a prescription for an illegal drug than to buy Sudafed. Ridiculous. So next time you have a head cold and need some Sudafed, be prepared for a long wait, and, most importantly, have your ID ready.

Military Commission Act dangerous to freedom

Go out and vote. Seriously, go do it, right now. Or at least when Election Day rolls around. Or else you may end up regretting it. At the very least, go get involved in your government in some way or another, lest you end up with legislation like the Military Commission Act of 2006. For those who don't know what this is, the Military Commission Act is some scary stuff. For all intents and purposes, it essentially legalizes torture (or certain forms of it) for use by the CIA and, indirectly, the military. It also violates almost every sacrosanct form of freedom endowed to us by the Bill of Rights. And yet Congress passed this right on to President Bush without so much as a second glance. Imagine this: you stand accused of what amounts to being a terrorist against the US or its allies. After being arrested, you are questioned, tortured and then jailed again, while evidence collected *without* a search warrant is compiled against you (this also applies overseas). You're then put on "trial" by the military, where the judge, jury and your lawyer are all military personnel, and you are not allowed to see evidence collected against you at any time before or during the trial. Worse yet, you're not allowed to invoke the Geneva Conven-



Brandon Worf Staff Writer

tion as a source of rights or protection in these horrific excuses for trials. The worst parts of the MCA throw away the most essential rights of every U.S. citizen: the writ of habeas Corpus, the right to cross examine evidence and the right to a fair trial. Military commission trials are about as a far cry from being legitimate as the classification of ketchup as being a vegetable. The MCA is only the next step in a major attack on our rights as U.S. citizens. Yet nobody even seems to care. Since 9/11 occurred five years ago, our privacy and rights have slid downhill more and more in the name of security and fighting terrorism. Amazingly, since then, only one major plot has really been uncovered, despite the insistence by the Bush Administration that the threat grows larger daily. The MCA is extremely bad news for Americans. Under the current definition

of the legislation, the MCA could be used against a citizen. The MCA basically applies to what it refers to as, "unlawful enemy combatants," which could technically be anybody. The definition of an "unlawful enemy combatant" in the MCA is anybody who, "has engaged in hostilities or who has purposefully and materially supported hostilities against the United States ... who is not a lawful enemy combatant (including a person who is part of the Taliban, al Qaeda, or associated forces)..." Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC) said, "We're making sure that an enemy combatant could be defined as something other than a front-line troop," which essentially means that anyone who disagrees with the government could be imprisoned. Honestly, I'm not sure if I'm more scared at the fact that this type of bill was even *considered* in Congress (let alone passed by it) or by the fact that the American public has not been completely outraged. With that, I encourage everyone to get out and get informed, and turn this steaming pile of garbage around. Let our government know that we don't support low tactics such as torture and human rights violations. Do it, before it's too late to even think about it.

Hays Symphony Orchestra



Local musicians perform at a Hays Symphony Orchestra concert recently. At left, Matt Means performs with his violin. At right, Jeff Jordan conducts the orchestra.

Bowl

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 Participants then need to put together a team of three or four other people. Participants will be able to collect pledges from friends, family or neighbors toward a challenge of \$50. "We encourage everyone involved to at least try and earn \$50," Jeter said. A pledge of \$75 would earn a free t-shirt; a pledge of \$125 would earn a sweatshirt and a pledge of \$150 would earn a shirt and a sweatshirt. It would not be necessary to have the pledges ready by Nov. 11th; the money can be collected after the event has taken place, Jeter said. Each team will be allowed one hour and fifteen minutes to bowl one game. During that time, free pizza from Pizza Hut and Pepsi will be provided. 50-cent draws will also be available. For more information on this event or to get involved with Big Brothers/Big Sisters, please stop by 2707 Vine Street, Suite 14, or call (785) 625-6672.

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▼ Technology

University considers options in future use of Blackboard system

Robert Cummins
News Editor

The Computing Service Center has recently begun considering alternatives to using the Blackboard Learning System.

“There have been some complaints about response time,” said David Schmidt, director of computing services. A committee has been created to look at Blackboard as a whole and come up with possible solutions to the problem, Schmidt said.

Options discussed have so far included replacement of the Blackboard system with another program, upgrading to a higher version of the Blackboard system, or installation of new equipment to help with load balancing. The problems were originally thought to be caused by too many students taking concurrent quizzes online,

Schmidt said.

At this point, no decision had been made concerning the future of Blackboard, according to Schmidt. “A study has not been done yet to determine what the issues are,” he said.

In other technology news on campus, Fort Hays State students recently got an email asking them to delete any unnecessary emails from their online scat cat accounts to conserve space on the university’s mail server.

Schmidt said that the measure was necessary as the mail servers were coming dangerously close to running out of space.

“We are planning to upgrade the hard drives (on the mail servers) so we have more space,” Schmidt said. “This is just a stop-gap measure until the hard drives could be upgraded.”

A MULTIMEDIA INVESTIGATION OF HAUNTED PLACES AND PEOPLE

Peter A. Jordan
Paranormal Expert & Investigator

While others invent tales of horror, parapsychologist Peter Jordan has spent 30 years investigating them, accumulating files on hundreds of chilling real-life encounters with hauntings, poltergeists and demons.

“Spectacular... (Jordan) possesses the ability to present material that is both frightening and provocative in such away that even skeptics left the presentation with their heads shaking!”
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-The University of Wisconsin (Madison)

“Chillingly realistic!”
-Fairleigh Dickinson University

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NEWS

Rodeo competes at Pratt

Tiger rodeoers of Fort Hays State University were on the road from Oct. 6-8 for the Pratt Community College N.I.R.A. rodeo.

The women’s team had a strong showing and a fourth place finish. They were led by Jenna Rolland, Hays freshman, who swept the goat tying event, winning the long round and then tying the fastest time of the rodeo to win the short round and the average title. Rolland also competed in barrel racing.

Haley Hazen, Protection senior, who also competed in the team roping, roped her calf for a fourth-place tie in the long round

of the breakaway roping. She then came back on Sunday to place fourth in the round and fourth in the average. Randi Massey, Kingman freshman, who went into the short round in a three-way tie for 10th, finished fifth in the round and seventh for the rodeo. Massey also competed in goat tying and barrel racing.

“The women’s team had another strong outing,” said Gary Brower, rodeo coach. “If we can get our game plans to come together at the same time, we can be a competitor for the college finals.”

Chris Sherman, Brule, Neb.

junior, and Ben Robinson, Colby Community College, continued their success in the team roping. They won first in the long round and roped their steer in the short round.

They would have won the rodeo, but they were disqualified for an illegal head catch. Sherman also competed in the tie-down roping.

Travis Thimesch, Spivey junior, who also competes in team roping, made a qualified ride in the long round to make it to the short round in 10th place. He placed ninth in the short round and 10th in the average.

FHSU admissions Web site ranked 6th in national study

A study of more than 3,000 college and university admissions websites has ranked Fort Hays State University’s in the top 10 in three categories: No. 1 in the Midwest region, No. 6 overall and No. 3 among master’s level institutions.

“I think ours is very easy to get around,” said Tricia Cline, admissions director. “Parents tell us it’s very easy to find things, and they like it because it is easy to RSVP for events and things like that, but the simplicity of our admissions site is what I think makes the navigation so easy. You do not have to do a lot of click-throughs to get to the information that students want. That is something that parents and students tell us they like.”

“This is really great news because I tried hard over the years to make the site easy to use and to provide as much information as possible,” said Suzanne Klaus, Fort Hays State webmaster.

The study was the eighth annual Enrollment Power Index, a research-based analysis conducted by the National Research Center for College and University Admissions (NRCCUA).

It rates sites based on how well the functionality and design of the site provides information to potential students to take them “from prospect to applicant,” according to an NRCCUA news release.

Both Klaus and Cline were surprised to hear about the study.

The first they knew of it was when they were asked to comment.

“We didn’t do anything to get in the study,” Cline said. “I think it’s great that NRCCUA found us rather than anyone from Fort Hays State sending in our information.”

The first reaction from Cline and Klaus was that they are currently working on improvements to the site.

“We’re working on it now, making upgrades and planning some things,” Klaus said. “It’s kind of nice to know it’s that good, and hopefully the things we’re doing will improve it even more.”

“I think sometimes we are our toughest critics,” Cline said. “We are always wanting to find new ways to make our site better.” Among the things they are working on, she said, is doing more with Podcasting and blogging.

“But it’s great to know that the functionality of the admissions Web site was ranked No. 1 in the Midwest,” she said.

For the study, NRCCUA conducts an e-mail survey of more than 100,000 college-bound high school students, asking each student to rate two admissions Web sites.

Then, more than 3,000 sites are evaluated to identify functional features. Statistical tests are used to identify functional features most important to students and their relative importance.

The study divides institutions

by type: doctoral-research, masters, liberal arts institutions, Catholic institutions, community colleges and specialty institutions. Thirty-four criteria are divided into five categories: prominence of an admissions office link on the home page; page design and ease of navigation; online access to admissions materials; additional admissions information; and the ability to contact the admissions office.

The NRCCUA is a non-profit education research organization based in Lee’s Summit, Mo. For 34 years, it has conducted the largest nationwide survey of high school students, which serves as a communications link between college-bound high school students and public and private colleges and universities.

More information is available from its Web site, www.nrccua.org.

Mount St. Mary’s College, Los Angeles, was ranked No. 1 overall. Whitman College, Walla Walla, Wash., was second; Arizona State University was third; Covenant College, Lookout Mountain, Ga., was fourth; and York College, York, Pa., was fifth.

Rounding out the top 10, behind Fort Hays State, was the University of North Carolina-Pembroke at seventh; Augustana College, Rock Island, Ill., in eighth; Southern Utah University, Cedar City, ninth; and College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, Mass., in 10th.

NEWS

Fort Hays State partners with I-Tunes

As part of its mobile teaching and learning initiative, Fort Hays State University has become the first school in Kansas that has a presence on the popular iTunes Internet site.

Apple Computer, creator of iTunes, and Fort Hays State jointly announced the collaborative project. Officials for Apple made the announcement in Dallas at an Educause conference. Educause is a nonprofit association whose mission is to advance higher education by promoting the intelligent use of information technology, and the conference is a highly popular event with college and university officials. Fort Hays State made its announcement in a news conference on the Hays campus.

“With FHSU on iTunes U, students can use iTunes to get course materials, lectures, seminars and all kinds of valuable information related to their studies,” Edward H. Hammond, Fort Hays State president, explained during the Hays news conference. “Log on to FHSU on iTunes U with your student ID and password, download your selections to your iPod, and study anywhere.”

The president explained that FHSU on iTunes U, which enhances the accessibility and quality of an FHSU education, dovetails with five pilot projects the university is conducting this year using Podcasting, which allows students to download new content automatically to a computer

or an iPod.

“FHSU posts both general information about the university and specific course content to the FHSU on iTunes U site,” President Hammond said. “Anyone can go to the site and download the general audio and video programs onto his or her iPod, while only students can download password-protected content for their courses.”

The URL for FHSU on iTunes is www.fhsu.edu/iTunesU/. There is no charge to download FHSU content for either students or the general public, but users must have iTunes installed on their computers.

“This technology offers our students the ability to play back the material multiple times and watch it at their own speed and on their own schedule,” the president said. “It gives them flexibility in regard to other responsibilities, such as family and jobs. In short, it allows students to take the classroom experience outside the four walls of the classroom and into their regular lifestyle.”

Along with the launch of FHSU on iTunes U, President Hammond talked about the five pilot programs that FHSU is conducting this academic year to assess the value of using Apple iPods in higher education.

As it implements its mobile teaching and learning initiative, FHSU follows the systematic approach of first using pilot tests to ensure that it preserves its academic standards.

democratic standards.

“The university has loaned iPods to about 175 students for use during the fall and spring semesters,” the president said. “The pilot programs, which are coordinated through the Virtual College, include two classes on the Hays campus, a Virtual College class, a project on the Hays campus, and a class at the University of International Business and Economics, a Chinese partner university with FHSU that is located in the capital city of Beijing.”

Instructors of the classes at Hays Podcast lectures and other class materials to the FHSU on iTunes U site, and students download them into their iPods. The two classes on the Hays campus are Technology in Society, taught by Cyndi Danner-Kuhn, instructor of Technology Studies, and management information systems, taught by Bob Swindler, instructional technology coordinator for the College of Business and Leadership.

The virtual class is Utilization of Technology in the Classroom taught by Kenny Rigler out of the Technology Studies Department.

Dr. Tim Crowley, professor of music, directs the project on the Hays campus. Crowley and his students use the iPods to produce music under the Department of Music’s recording label, Auris Tigris. They produce and distribute recordings by FHSU students and instructors to the community. The plan is to produce one album

of music each semester. In addition, the pilot project will produce music under the Auris Tigris label with plans to sell it through an FHSU iTunes Affiliate Program on the iTunes music store.

The fifth pilot program, at UIBE, involves about 70 Chinese students who are enrolled in a Management Principles course taught by Shane Schartz, instructor of management and marketing. FHSU is the first university to teach a virtual class in China via iPod technology. The students do not download course content from the FHSU on iTunes U site because it is not available in China. Instead, Dennis King, FHSU’s director of the Virtual College and Learning Technologies, traveled to Beijing early in September to load onto the students’ iPods all the lectures and materials that can help them keep on task with the class.

After a class, UIBE students can listen to a 5- or 10-minute summary tying together the highlights of that class session and the principle of that chapter of study. It also allows them to listen to English over and over, which helps them develop their English skills.

Danner-Kuhn demonstrated one of the iPods during the announcement at today’s news conference and talked about the value of the technology in higher education. “The Technology in Society class is about how technology has and is changing society,” she

said. “It seems logical that we would use cutting edge technology in this class. It is forcing me to change and adapt my teaching style. I am making blogs, iPods and Podcasting part of my pedagogy. I think we all need learn to accept the divided attention spans of the students we are teaching.”

She explained that a new generation of students has arrived. “They really can multi-task, and the reality is they might not want to hear us lecture for an hour every class period,” she said. “In many cases, class needs to be interactive and the iPod pilot is helping me accomplish that interactivity.”

She said Podcasting could be used as a tremendous supplement to current methods of content distribution, offering a more customized, more on-demand form of curriculum.

“I am excited about this project and I am sure as time goes on, I will discover more and more benefits and ways to use Podcasting and the iPods,” Danner-Kuhn concluded. “It has been fun to watch my students arrive in class with headphones hanging from their ears and know they are learning. I am excited for them to create their first Enhanced Podcast for a presentation instead of just another PowerPoint.”

The news conference and demonstration will be available at Fort Hays on iTunes U.

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▼ Faith-based pregnancy care

Cross Road helps pregnant women

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Women standing in a void, darkened by fear and guilt can rely on Cross Road Pregnancy Care Center to provide support and love.

“Even though half of the women in the nation have had an abortion, women still have a closed door mentality about abortion,” said Cross Road Director and Registered Nurse Melinda Ewert. “It is a difficult topic to open up about which makes it even more difficult to deal with.”

Women dealing with an unexpected pregnancy or dealing with a past abortion can call on Cross Road to help. Cross Road’s services include pregnancy testing, counseling and material aid, such as diapers, formula, cribs and car seats. They also provide classes and information on childbirth, parenting, infant care, adoption, financial help, jobs and referrals for medical services and maternity homes. All services are confidential and free of charge.

Cross Road has helped 130 clients since opening in September 2005. Ewert noticed the need for this ministry and initially started Cross Road at New Covenant Fellowship, a non-denominational church, in La Crosse, before moving to Hays.

Donna Johnson, pastor of New Covenant has continually helped this organization grow and encourage women.

“Abortion can affect women silently for a lifetime,” Ewert said. Cross Road staff members help women find spiritual healing and emotional peace through support groups, individual classes and Bible studies, Ewert said.

Johnson and Ewert lead classes such as the Cross Over Workshop,

a post abortion support group and Bible study, as well as the Heart Repair Workshop for sexual healing and renewed chastity.

“I have never seen a bad mom since I started the ministry in April 2004,” Ewert said. “I always see a good outcome in every case.”

Cross Road is a non-profit, faith based, life-affirming organization. Women visiting Cross Road have dealt with issues such as rape, abuse, financial difficulty, abortion and pregnancy out of wedlock. Support groups, workshops, counseling and Bible studies help women deal with these issues.

Cross Road can connect women with others who have dealt with similar issues and can help them in these situations as well. They can answer questions or just give the comfort of listening.

“These women are at the cross-road of decision, choosing what they are going to do and we need to lead them to the cross,” Ewert said.

The singular word – road – represents the one road to Christ and the cross.

Individuals in local churches help fund Cross Road as well as organize baby showers and diaper drives. Cross Road also appreciates the regular funding the Knights of Columbus gives.

Less than ten volunteer staff members work at Cross Road. Ewert describes these volunteers as selfless and ambitious people.

The entire staff emphasizes care and concern through all of their actions toward the women who come in.

“The Lord draws the people in,” Ewert said. “Women who come here receive love and the hand of Christ reaching out.”

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Chapman welcomed as new President, CEO of FHSU Endowment Association

Members of the Fort Hays State University community welcomed Tim D. Chapman as the new president and CEO of the Endowment Association with a news conference and reception Monday afternoon.

Kerry McQueen, a Liberal, Kan., attorney and chair of the Fort Hays State Endowment Association Board of Trustees, announced the selection of Chapman as the fourth person to lead the fund-raising arm of the university.

“The executive committee of the Board of Trustees is of the overwhelming belief that Mr. Chapman has the experience and a vision for the association that will enhance and strengthen its

ability to support and advance FHSU,” McQueen said.

“The Executive Committee joins me in expressing gratitude to Ken Havner, past Board of Trustees chair, for serving as interim CEO and to the members of the search committee for their dedication to the association in this process,” McQueen added.

Havner is a Hays attorney and former member of the Kansas Board of Regents.

In addition to Havner, the Search Committee included: Trustees Tom Thomas and Dr. John Tomlinson; Fort Hays State Alumni Association representative Shelley Hunt; and Mike Barnett, Fort Hays State’s vice president of Administration and

Finance.

Edward H. Hammond, Fort Hays State president, joined McQueen in thanking Havner and the members of the Search Committee, and he welcomed Chapman and his wife, Mona.

“The Search Committee did an excellent job, and I share their confidence in Tim as the individual who can lead our already successful Endowment Association to an even brighter future,” Hammond said.

“The FHSU Endowment Association was established in 1945,” President Hammond continued. “By the year 1987, when I arrived at FHSU, its assets were \$7.2 million. Today the assets are \$43.5 million.”

The president pointed out that during his nearly 20 years at Fort Hays State, the Endowment Association has distributed more than \$41 million to the university. “In addition to many millions of dollars in scholarships for our students, projects that have been supported in whole or in part by the Endowment Association include the renovation of Sheridan Coliseum and its Beach/Schmidt Performing Arts Center, creation of the new Sternberg Museum of Natural History, the renovation of Lewis Field, and construction of the \$5.7-million W.R. and Yvonne Robbins Alumni & Endowment Center, which is scheduled to be completed in July 2007,” Hammond said.

“We are tremendously excited to welcome Tim and Mona Chapman as the new Robbins Center is nearing completion,” Hammond

said. “Our Endowment Association truly is entering a new era, and as the alumni and friends of FHSU enter this new ‘place to call home,’ they will be greeted by a new CEO who is determined to take us to the next level of stability and support for our university.”

Chapman replaces Virgil Scott, who resigned earlier this year to take a similar position at the University of Northern Colorado Foundation in Greeley.

“For the past 20 years, I have been involved in the investment and development field,” Chapman said during the news conference. “I’ve been involved with Kansas Wesleyan University, St. John’s Military School and now Kansas State University. As a development professional, I have traveled extensively throughout the country with some international travel. I look forward to building on the processes that are in place now at the FHSU Endowment Association.”

Chapman complimented Hammond, Fort Hays State administrators, the Alumni Association and the Endowment Association for the tremendous job they have done at Fort Hays State.

“To join the team and be a part of their effort is a privilege and an honor,” he said. “I can’t wait to get started and begin building upon the relationships that are in place. We hope to better serve our constituents and friends of the university through personal contact and provide information that will better educate all who have an interest in partnering with the

school.”

Chapman also talked about what the move to Hays would mean for his wife.

“Mona and I are extremely excited to be coming back to Hays,” he said. “Mona grew up in Hays, and I spent a good part of the 1970s here, graduating from Hays High School and then attending FHSU.

“Mona has now been a secondary education teacher for the past 17 years. While in Salina, Mona was nominated and selected as the USD 305 teacher of the year while teaching junior English. She now teaches freshman English and oversees the mentoring program for all student teachers from Kansas State University who are involved with the high school. In addition to these responsibilities, Mona is now being certified as an Olweus Trainer -- a program that helps educators better understand and work with students who have had a history or who are currently being bullied by peers or others.”

After attending Fort Hays State from 1976-78, Chapman earned a Bachelor of Arts in Studio Art degree from Kansas Wesleyan University in 1999.

He was director of gift planning at Kansas Wesleyan from 1988-96 and director of development at St. John’s Military School from 1996-99.

He was director of development for the Kansas State Foundation/College of Veterinary Medicine from 1999 to this year and has served as senior director of principal gifts at K-State since February.

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Neutral perspective offers unique view into football fan behaviors

Cole Reif
Sports Editor

The other day I got a call from a friend who had two tickets to Saturday night’s Kansas State versus Nebraska game. While my friend is a huge Wildcat fan, I really don’t care for either team. However, I accepted. At the very least, it would be a decent game to watch.

Well, the game turned out to be a stinker, but I did get a unique opportunity to see the game, and the rabid college-town fan-base, from a neutral perspective. We began our trip east late Saturday morning. We decided to show up a little early and partake in the tailgating festivities.




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We arrived in the “Little Apple” a little after 1:30 p.m., with the game set to kickoff at 6. The game-time atmosphere immediately hits you traveling into town as you are engulfed in a caravan of K-State flag-bearing vehicles. Once we arrived at KSU Stadium, we handed over ten dollars for a spot to park (oh, the hidden fees of being sports fan) and tried

to find some friends. After we found a few familiar faces, we began wandering the area, taking in the experience. Here, I encountered a paradise for crazed, drunken collegiate sports fans. The game wouldn’t start for quite some time, but there they were, just waiting for the kickoff. Aisles upon aisles of Wildcat fans sat before my eyes, just eating, drinking and talking. The common denominator linking them: each and every person knew exactly what the team needed to do to come out victorious against the Cornhuskers. Who needs a coach when the fans have all the answers? Meandering through the facility, I took in many conversations about why the Wildcats have lost two of their past three games. “Youth at the quarterback position.” “Offensive line is inexperienced.” “New head coach Ron Prince might not be all he was hyped up to be upon his arrival.” An array of reasons came roaring from student’s mouths as they put down more and more beverages. Some of their explanations were accompanied with reasoning and facts, while others just came out stuttering. The propensity towards the latter seemed to increase as game-time neared. From the student section, I witnessed Nebraska rush for 190 yards and take control of a mediocre K-State team 21-3. Somehow, a big loss like that puts a damper on the fans’ spirits that were so high just hours earlier. What happened to the football team in Manhattan, anyway? The Wildcats have posted 5-6 and 4-7 campaigns the past two years. It almost seems as if they have not fully recuperated from the 35-28 loss to Ohio State in the Fiesta Bowl from the 2003 season. The post-Bill Snyder Wildcats have five games left to determine their bowl status. And I’m sure the purple-clad fans will be back in full force, each with their own solutions to the team’s woes. Win or lose, K-State fans still get to make use of Aggieville after the game, so you can’t feel that bad for them, right?

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Fort Hays State’s near-shocker fell just short Saturday night with a 35-28 loss to Pittsburg State University. Maintenance crew might want to make sure the artificial Poligras surface at Lewis Field Stadium is still intact after a handful of Gorillas and Tigers ran for 532 yards on the ground. Pittsburg State’s tailback Germaine Race ran for 268 of those yards and got things started quickly, giving the Gorillas two early touchdown runs in the opening four minutes of the first quarter. It seemed as though Pittsburg State would prove right away why they have the second-ranked offense in the nation amongst Division II. After a punt and a turnover on downs in their first two possessions, the Tigers found their offense with a 1-yard touchdown

pass from junior Shane Jackson to redshirt freshman Jeremy Young. “We’re an extremely young group of kids,” Tiger Head Coach Kevin Verdugo said in his post-game interview on Tiger Radio Mix 103. “They’re growing every day and every week. I know everybody can’t wait for us to grow fast enough, including the coaches and the players, but we’re going to get there.” The defense had no answer for Race, though, as he cut up the Tiger defense once again; this time for a 43-yard touchdown jaunt before the end of the first quarter. Fort Hays State trailed 28-13 going into halftime. Pittsburg State received the ball to begin the third quarter and looked primed to score again, driving deep into Tiger territory. On second-and-goal, Tiger defensive lineman Isaiah Burnette recovered a fumble to keep the Gorillas out of the endzone. Fort



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At far left, Dustin Heckroth makes a highflying tackle against a Southwest Baptist player Oct. 7 in Bolivar, Missouri. In middle photo, Jordan Hickels runs the ball against Southwest Baptist. At closest left, Anthony Melton makes a run Saturday against Pittsburg State with Jeremy Young blocking. The game was at Lewis Field Stadium. The Tigers lost both games.

Hays State on the Gorillas’ 33 yard line. “It was a great feeling. It was a big play, and I was just glad I was in the right spot at the right time,” Flax said about his second half interception. The Tigers wasted no time with the great field position as Jackson fired an eleven-yard pass to wideout Jay Allison to end the third quarter and started the fourth frame by connecting with senior John Luke Snyder for a 22-yard touchdown pass. The Tigers succeeded on the 2-point conversion to knot things up with the number-one scoring offense in the nation, with a score of 28-28. Pittsburg State was forced to punt the ball back to the Tigers on their ensuing drive, but with the Tigers unable to do anything with ball, they had to give it right back to the Gorillas. Race and the entire Gorilla offensive line took over from there as they

Tiger volleyball sees improvement in loss to Ichabods, prepares for Emporia

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Fort Hays State University put their loss against Washburn behind them and are preparing themselves for their match Wednesday against Emporia State University. “We started off very well against Washburn,” said Tiger Volleyball Coach Steve Smith. “We had good

flow and good movement. It was after 20 points when they allowed Washburn to dominate on the scoreboard.” The Lady Blues were able to squeeze by with a 30-24 win in the first game, then won the next two 30-13 and 30-19. Junior Neeley Remmers led the Tigers with 10 kills while fellow junior Whitney Miller followed with 9 kills. Sarah Mueller, the freshman

setter from Snohomish, Washington had a great finish with 24 assists. Coach Smith and his squad continue to push through the schedule and try to pick up things to improve on for the next match. “The great thing about these girls is when we lose, we look at what we did wrong and we work even harder the next game,” Smith said. “They know they

have what it takes to win.” The Tigers are still keeping their heads high and trying to stay focused for their match against the Hornets. “The first time we played Emporia, we played well,” Smith said. “I am anxious to play them here with our minds focused and ready to win. The one thing you’ll notice about these girls if you go to their games is they don’t play like a team that is 1-9. They come out every game ready to play, ready to compete, and wanting a win.” The Tigers host their final home match against the Hornets Wednesday night. First serve begins at 7:00 p.m. at Gross Memorial Coliseum. Fort Hays State overall is now 3-22 and 1-9 in the MIAA.